

SENATE BILL NO. 474

INTRODUCED BY J. O'NEIL

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VII, SECTION 2, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE LEGISLATURE AND NOT THE SUPREME COURT SHALL GOVERN ADMISSION TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Article VII, section 2, of The Constitution of the State of Montana is amended to read:

"Section 2. Supreme court jurisdiction. (1) The supreme court has appellate jurisdiction and may issue, hear, and determine writs appropriate thereto. It has original jurisdiction to issue, hear, and determine writs of habeas corpus and such other writs as may be provided by law.

(2) It has general supervisory control over all other courts.

(3) It may make rules governing appellate procedure, practice and procedure for all other courts, ~~admission to the bar~~ and the conduct of its members of the bar. Rules governing admission to the bar shall be provided by law. Rules of procedure shall be subject to disapproval by the legislature in either of the two sessions following promulgation.

(4) Supreme court process shall extend to all parts of the state."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** This amendment is effective upon approval by the electorate.

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Submission to electorate.** This amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of Montana at the general election to be held in November 2006 by printing on the ballot the full title of this act and the following:

☐ FOR allowing the legislature to govern admission to the practice of law.

☐ AGAINST allowing the legislature to govern admission to the practice of law.

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